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SUBJECT: ICNAF - FRG HERRING FISHERY QUOTA VIOLATION

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1. BOARDINGS OF FRG FISHING VESSELS IN ICNAF SUBAREA FIVE YANKEE (5Y) BY US COAST GUARD AND NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) ICNAF INSPECTION OFFICERS ESTABLISH BEYOND DOUBT THAT FRG VESSELS HAVE EXCEEDED THEIR 1974 HERRING QUOTA OF ONE THOUSAND METRIC TONS FOR THAT AREA.

2. ABOUT NINETEEN DIFFERENT FRG VESSELS HAVE OPERATED IN 5Y OVER PAST FEW WEEKS. ALL BUT THREE HAVE BEEN BOARDED TO DATE AND ACTUAL CATCH STATISTICS FROM THEIR LOGS SHOW THAT THEY HAVE TAKEN WELL OVER THE QUOTA. IN FACT, A SINGLE VESSEL, MOND BX 745, HAS TAKEN 1161 TONS BETWEEN AUGUST 10 AND 21. NMFS ESTIMATES THAT ALL FRG VESSELS HAVE PROBABLY TAKEN OVER SIX THOUSAND UNCLASSIFIED

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METRIC TONS, A SIX HUNDRED PERCENT QUOTA VIOLATION.

3. VESSELS REPRESENT THREE COMPANIES: NORDSEE, NORDSTAR, PECKENPACK.

4. INTERVIEWS OF FISHING VESSEL MASTERS INDICATE COMPANIES ARE ADVISING MASTERS THAT QUOTA REFERS TO

WEIGHT OF PROCESSED HERRING AFTER FILLETING INSTEAD OF ROUND WEIGHT BEFORE PROCESSING. THIS IS IN CONFLICT WITH ICNAF REGULATIONS.

5. INSPECTION OF NAVIGATION AND FISHING LOGS ABOARD KARLSBURG, BX 742, SHOWS DISCREPANCIES IN POSITIONS OF FISH CATCHES OF AS MUCH AS 100 MILES. WHERE FISH LOG SHOWS CATCHES IN AREA FIVE ZULU (5Z), NAV LOG SHOWS ACTUAL POSITION IN AREA 5Y. SINCE FRG HAS MUCH LARGER HERRING QUOTA IN 5Z, IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY OF DELIBERATE FALSIFICATION OF THE FISH LOG, SINCE IT IS THE FISH LOG WHICH IS SHIPPED WITH THE CATCH AND WHICH BECOMES THE INPUT DATA FOR GOVERNMENT STATISTICS LATER SUBMITTED TO ICNAF COMMISSION UNDER QUOTA REGS. A SIMILAR SITUATION EXISTS WITH HANNOVER, NC 474, WHERE SIGHTINGS OF VESSEL IN 5Y CONFLICT WITH LOGGED POSITIONS IN 5Z.

6. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS SOONEST WITH ABOVE INFO AND FOLLOWING POSITION: USG VIEWS THIS AS MOST SERIOUS VIOLATION OF CONVENTION AND IS CERTAIN THAT FRG WILL WISH TO DIRECT THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF FISHING FOR HERRING BY THEIR VESSELS IN AREA 5Y. THE USG ALSO EXPECTS THAT THE FRG WILL THOROUGHLY INVESTIGATE THE VIOLATIONS AND ADVISE THE USG OF THEIR FINDINGS, THE STEPS TAKEN TO PREVENT RECURRENCE AND THE ACTION TAKEN AGAINST THE OFFENDING VESSELS AND COMPANIES. KISSINGER

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